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SENATOR DIERKS: ...I...

SENATOR SMITH: I...I'm indeed trying to determine what the effects might be.

SENATOR DIERKS: It's small enough that it shouldn't matter, Senator Smith. The total cost for a feedlot operator to get a fat steer from the time he starts feeding this stuff till the time he sells it for slaughter, is 12 cents a head.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. (Visitors introduced.) Further debate on the Dierks' amendment? Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members, I rise in support of Senator Dierks' amendment. As I understand the amendment, it makes a number of desirable changes, some of them technical in nature, some of them bringing greater precision to the committee amendments. I don't think that's an unusual process in this area that we would find that the committee amendments needed to be adjusted a little bit. That seems to be the history of all these kinds of bills. These programs are exceedingly intricate and they become even more intricate as persons seek to protect or enhance their specific interests. But it seems to me that Senator Dierks has struck some areas here in his amendment that require, if not purely technical change, that they make desirable changes in terms of being able to implement the bill, if it should finally pass.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, on the Dierks amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Dierks, you had mentioned a dry milling process. Isn't it true that a bushel of corn produces about two and a half gallons of ethanol, and the remainder would be this distillers grain? Is that true? Could we have Senator Dierks put on the mike.